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REASSEMBLING THE CHESSMEN.

WE ARE entering upon the second month of what will prove to be an eventful year for the state of Nevada, for the United States and, to take in even more territory, for the world at large. It means that we will have peace, so far as inter-governmental relationships are concerned, but that does not mean that there will be a complete reconciliation between and among all classes. It is not an easy matter after a chess game is completed to reassemble the pieces and pawns upon their respective squares. The bishop may frown upon the king. The pawn may wonder why he has been sacrificed. The knight may deem it needless for him to have been placed in the queen row, only to be dismounted. It is all a game of sacrifice and of slaughter, this war game, just as that of chess.

We who give our dollars and our sons are doing it so that democracy is not checkmated and we must give up pawns and pieces to accomplish that result. After the war is over, we will view the battlefield, shudder with horror at the sacrifices that have been made, rejoice at the victories won, and then start to put back the pieces and pawns, those that remain, upon their squares. Then must come the reconciliation of all classes, for homogeneity must follow. The world will be made safe for democracy only after a second war is fought, a bloodless war, God please, but a war at that. It will be fought diplomatically, we hope, and will result in all elans and cliques working for up-building, just as all nations are now engaged in overthrowing and slaughtering and putting to rout all factions to which they are opposed.

BAKER'S INCREDULITY.

IN FACT, practically every one in the United States except Mr. Baker and some of his colleagues in the administration had a shuddering dread of the inevitableness of war from the fatal hour when a German submarine sank the Lusitania with the loss of more than a hundred American lives. That event reduced the three thousand miles of safety zone to the range of a torpedo. The fact that Mr. Baker pleads the distance now in apology for supine inaction simply indicates the bourbon quality of his incredulity. It fails altogether to vindicate his opposition, tacit or aggressive, to legislation which would have put the army in fighting trim even on a limited scale, or his failure to end the wrangles among his subordinates which postponed the choice of the weapons with which our soldiers were to fight until the fighting had actually begun. And Mr. Baker had the advantage of a daily hint from Ambassador Gerard in Berlin, which the more far-seeing outside public did not enjoy. We believe this phase of the American drift toward the entry into the war will hereafter be regarded as one of the curiosities of history.

SILVER SITUATION.

THE silver market has been marking time for nearly three months, waiting on price-fixing. It was first proposed that the price should be fixed at 85 cents in New York and 86 in San Francisco. Present indications are the price will be fixed at a dollar an ounce, says the Wall Street Journal.

The market, which had held around the 85-cent level for most of the waiting period, started to move up sharply two weeks ago, and was held around 95-1.2 cents. The United States mint picked up considerable silver quietly at this figure. It is estimated that 20,000,000 ounces were purchased by the mint last year, and its supply exceeds anything held since the early '90s.

Even at a dollar an ounce there will be a large seigniorage for governments of the world. The silver value of a dollar is at the rate of \$1.2929 an ounce. The silver value of subsidiary coins can advance above \$1.30 an ounce and still show a seigniorage on the minting.

The high price of silver has had a most important bearing on Indian currency. The silver situation in its reference to India has been one of the unsolved problems of the British empire. India has had good harvests in recent years and piled up a large credit balance. The warring powers do not want to export gold to India, because they need the yellow metal for their own reserves. Large silver exports to pay for their purchases meant bidding the price up against themselves, as experience of the last two years has amply proved. India would be filled with high-priced silver metal. Should there then be a crop failure in that country next year, large Indian demand for the metal would stop and the price might fall, thereby decreasing value of the Indian silver holdings. Silver might be exported from there and contribute to a declining market. This would explain the desire of the British government to have the silver price fixed around 86 cents, which is below metal value of the rupee, and thus help stabilize the Indian currency.

The Chinese were hit by the rising price of silver and by its wide fluctuations. It disarranged their exchanges. High silver prices led to speculation, but restricted foreign and internal trade. Few benefited by it.

The world's production of silver is much below demand, and high price of the metal is a natural consequence. While the high price has been a medium of withdrawing coins from circulation, and the clandestine melting of these coins, it has also had an influence on offerings of old silverware. This metal has been attracted in large volume by the high prices. However, looking on the possible influx of metal from this source, it must be admitted that it is after all only negligible if compared with the big demand. Receipts from this source last year did not equal purchases of the United States mint alone. On the other hand, use of silver in the arts is steadily increasing. High prices for the metal do not

check consumption in the arts, and there are few substitutes for silver. Its use in the arts shows a far steadier increase than that of gold. Silver consumption was 29,891,271 ounces in 1915, an increase of 6,000,000 over 1908. The largest increase in silver consumption has been in the photographic arts.

TAKEN FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

The imperial German chancellor agrees with President Wilson on four points. Four out of fourteen is a lot better batting average than previous I. G. C.'s have been able to attain.

In the course of another year or so there will be more points on which Germany will be able to agree.

When an Esquimaux wants more heat he doesn't turn on the radiator, holler for the janitor, or jiggle a thermostat. He doesn't have to sign petitions to fuel administrators asking them to supply him with something he ought to have anyway. He just calls in another Esquimaux.

The coming of spring ought to turn some of our Washington administrators into lyric poets.

Speaking of feverish ambition in Washington, one man waited for twenty-five years to get a job which pays \$40 a month. His new position is that of watchman in a cemetery.

Down in the more or less bone-dry southern states the distillers seem to have the idea that the law against making whisky is all moonshine.

The office grouch, having heard grand opera for the first time, said that the grandest things about it all are the names of the managers, Giulio Gatti-Casazza and Cleofonte Campanini.

Jess Willard is only another reminder of the fact that the bigger the champion the smaller the fighter. Jeffries didn't like it neither.

Margaret Anglin is a great producer of Greek plays, but who's ready to produce the Greek army?

Those who have fallen into the habit of "hoping for the worst" will feel sure that a falling off in U-boat outrages means only that Germany is getting ready for a decisive blow.

Latest advices from Washington indicate that poison gas reacts upon those who project it, sometimes.

It is not pleasant to contemplate a husky young professional ball player seeking exemption from the army draft.

NOTES ON SPORTING EVENTS

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 2.—With practically only three weeks before they will line up for early practice, their candidates, the various managers of the Pacific Coast league baseball clubs are actively engaged in making the preliminary arrangements.

Practically all of these managers will be more or less hard put to it to find the new material necessary to bolster up the holes in their line-ups made by the draft and volunteer service occasioned by the war. In some cases frantic letters are going out to managers of major league clubs asking for aid.

Just what the prospects for each club will be it is still too early to determine and it is not likely that much prophesying will be done until a more definite lineup of the men is had. A score of names of good players in other leagues have been mentioned as probably obtainable for the Pacific Coast organizations, but until contracts are signed and the men appear on the ground nothing definite will be available.

Followers of the fortunes of the league appear to think that the Salt Lake City team will start off with an edge of its rivals in the matter of material, but this, like all other advance criticism, is considered as of the hit or miss variety.

(By Associated Press.)

PALEO ALTO, Cal., Feb. 2.—The question, "Will the University of California and Stanford university play the American intercollegiate game of football this fall?" refuses to down and the prospects are that the matter will be discussed more or less right up to the time that a decision is arrived at.

A Stanford student publication is the latest to bring the matter up and while it is favorable for a resumption of the "big game" it also says that the matter is now entirely in the hands of the Californians. Stanford has made the proposition of playing a game under the American code if the Blue and Gold will meet them half way by holding an annual Rugby match. No official response has yet been made by California.

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TABLET FUND USED TO ASSIST RECRUITING

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 2.—Bronze national honor door plaques are being distributed throughout the western states by the United States army recruiting headquarters at San Francisco. The tablet, measuring three and one-half inches by six inches, is inscribed with, "This is the home of a soldier defending the cause of God and humanity and America."

Impervious to rain or sun, the bronze plate, placed on the front door symbolizes the patriotism and sacrifice within. Being indestructible after the war is over, these tributes to the soldiers of liberty can be kept forever as a token of the world war and the struggle to free the world of military oppression at the hands of an unscrupulous scheming autocrat.

The funds realized by the sale of the tablets are used to advertise and stimulate recruiting for the army. It is anticipated that the plaques will prove as popular as the service flag, as it is a dignified ornament that any home should be proud to exhibit.

A PARADOXICAL OFFICE.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The somewhat paradoxical office of director general of lands for the air ministry is announced. Sir Howard Frank is the new director general, and, as he also holds the same title for the war office and ministry of munitions, the whole of the renting management and compensation for these three great departments will be under one control.

BLACK MARIA DISPLACED.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Feb. 2.—The "Black Maria" of Paris, in which for years prisoners have been transferred from police stations to their places of confinement, went out with the old year. New motor vehicles containing fourteen compartments each replaced them.

Jones' pure apple cider at Hall liquor company. Just arrived. Six bits a gallon. advN224

The new rules provide more stringent scholarship rules for institutions participating in conference athletics and grant permission for freshmen to engage in intercollegiate athletics.

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ENLISTED MEN WANTED FOR OVER-SEA DUTY

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 2.—To provide for the organization of veterinary hospitals, for duty overseas, the veterinary corps will require at least 2000 additional enlisted men within the next few weeks. Lieut. Col. John H. Gardner received an order today from the adjutant general, H. P. McCain, Washington, to institute a special recruiting campaign to obtain men for this branch, between the ages of 18 and 35 years and not subject to registration.

The following classes of men are desired: Horseshoers, saddlers, pharmacists, cooks, typists, stenographers, veterinary students, agricultural students, farmers and men accustomed to handling horses.

The men will be accepted for and enlisted in the veterinary corps, national army, and will be sent to the medical officers' training camp, Fort Riley, Kas., or to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., for training.

LABOR INDORSES GOVERNMENT.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Organized labor's official indorsement of the United States employment service of the department of labor in its work of mobilizing and distributing an industrial army for war service was given last night in a statement by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

STEAMSHIPS SEIZED.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The revolutionary committee says the Russian Black sea fleet has seized forty Rumanian steamships and several warships.

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